

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND
DECISION RECORD**

**JOHNSON LANE PARK EXPANSION
EA-NV-030-06-023
N-75586**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, NV-030-06-023, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, and issue a 5-year lease with a option to purchase to the Douglas County Parks Department, for expansion of an existing park, pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, as amended,, (43 U.S.C.869) and regulations thereunder (43 CFR 2912 & 2740) on the following described public land:

T.14 N., R. 20 E. MDM

Section 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 55.00 acres, more or less

The subject land was previously classified as suitable for R&PP purposes through R&PP application (N-19685) submitted by the Douglas County School District. Classification Decisions were issued by BLM in 1980 and 1985 and a lease issued for development of public schools. The lease was allowed to expire without development by the School District and Douglas County Parks Dept. subsequently filed an R&PP application for the land in February 2002. Public meetings held in regard to application N-75586 have indicated strong support for the park expansion and development of the lands for park purposes has been the subject of articles in local newspapers beginning in 1991 (Refer to Section I, A, Background & Introduction and Section III, A, Scoping and Issue Identification for further detail). Accordingly, it has been determined that public notification for the proposed public use under the R&PP Act has been sufficient and publication of a Notice of Realty Action is not necessary.

A portion of the land under application was closed to off-road vehicle use by a Notice of Closure (see casefile) published in the Federal Register on November 1, 1996 (Vol. 61, No. 213, pg. 56566). The reason for the closure was to prevent further damage to vegetation and soils and to eliminate noise and dust from occurring in close proximity to the existing park, and adjacent school and residential area. Issuance of a lease to Douglas County will rescind the Notice of Closure order.

The lease, when issued, should be subject to standard terms and conditions, including cultural

resource protection and toxic substance stipulations.


The patent, when issued, should include the following reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).
2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And be subject to:

Those rights for access road purposes granted to Douglas County, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-56841 pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION: The decision to allow the proposed action is consistent with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. No valuable resources were identified on the land. No governmental agencies have expressed interest in the land for other purposes. The proposed facilities would provide a benefit to the local community.


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8/15/06
Date